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ELECTION/RESTRICTION

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121,
as containing two patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-12 and 22, drawn to a process; and

Group II: Claims 13-21 drawn to an apparatus.

Applicant hereby elects, **with traverse**, to prosecute Group I in the event
that the restriction requirement is maintained. The election is made with traverse
because there are efficiencies to be gained from examining the claim set entirely.
First, the Examiner will most likely perform overlapping searches when
examining these groups. This is evidenced by the fact that some of the dependent

1 claim in both Groups pertain to apparatus and/or processes. MPEP § 803 states
2 that [i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without
3 serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it
4 includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." (emphasis added). Second,
5 there is increased cost to Assignee and an increased burden to the Patent Office for
6 prosecuting two separate applications.

7 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction
8 requirement and additional examination of the withdrawn claims in Group II. At
9 this point, Claims 13-21 have not been canceled in the hope that the restriction
10 requirement will be removed. If the restriction is maintained, however, Applicant
11 will cancel claims 13-21 in a subsequent response.

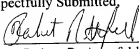
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13 CONCLUSION

14 Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

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